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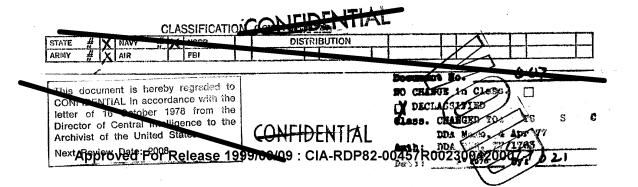
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- 1. A meeting of Argentine women Communists and Communist sympathizers was held on 28 December 1948, in a rented hall in Buenos Aires, for the purpose of electing an organizing committee in support of the forthcoming Communistinspired Latin American Congress For Peace and Democracy. The congress is scheduled to convene in Mexico City in either March or April 1949.) The meeting resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:
  - To seek the support of all Argentine political parties, unions, and the Confederacion General del Trabajo (CGT).
  - To send a congratulatory message to Mexico's ex-president General Lazaro Cardenas, who had been announced as a sponsor of the congress.
  - To plan another meeting at which time delegates will be selected.
  - To initiate a campaign for contributions to pay for the cost of sending delegates to Mexico City.
- The following women, all of them collaborators of the Communist cause, were elected to the organizing committee at the meeting of 28 December:

Elsa Balza Antonia Banegas Marina Bengoechea Angelica Castillo Estela Canto Nelly Dobranich Josefina Folino Cara Isabel Connet Ester Halperin Regina Nino Laura Onetti Maria Rosa Oliver Margarita de Ponce Sara G. de Raier Gerarda Scolamieri Fanny Stigol

Anabela Tersoli

3. Maria Rosa Oliver is the most important person of the local organizing committee and it is anticipated that she will be a delegate to the congress. She is not a member of the Communist Party but she has been a willing collaborator, and is an

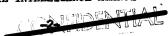


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intimate friend of Alcira de la Pena, head of the feminine Communist movement in Argentina. Maria Rosa Oliver is a member of the directing committees of the Union de Mujeres Argentinas (UMA) and the Agrupacion Cultural Femenina (ACF), both of which are Communist front groups.

- 4. The Feminine Section of the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) is not publicly campaigning for the congress. This work is being conducted by feminine Communist front groups such as the Agrupacion Cultural Femenina (ACF). It had been planned to gain male support through the Argentine League for the Rights of Man, a Communist front organization, but it now appears that only women will carry on the local campaign.
- 5. The CGT received an invitation from the organizing committee to lend its support to the congress but it is believed the invitation will remain unanswered. It is reported that the Argentine government will not officially sanction the congress or the Argentine delegation. Source pointed out that the only factor which could alter the government's attitude would be a request from the Mexican government to lend official support to the Congress.

